

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of Tuesday, 04 October 2011
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:08p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Scott Lehmann, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* Tom Bruhn, Blanche Serban, Joe Tomanelli. *Others present:* Jay O’Keefe (staff).
2. The draft **minutes** of the 06 September 2011 meeting were approved.
3. **Festival on the Green.** This year’s Festival was held at E. O. Smith High School on Sunday, September 25. Kim reported hearing favorable comments on the art show and live music. Prize-winning artwork from the show is now exhibited in the shelved display case at the MCC.
4. **Outdoor performance facilities.** David asked whether the Greek theatre under construction on Dog Lane might be suitable and available for outdoor performances. Work on it appears to have been suspended, perhaps due to financial difficulties. David will attempt to contact the church about the theatre’s present status and future availability. He also noted that the Middle School has high walls suitable for projecting sound, though they face parking lots rather than nice lawns for audience seating; he reported that inflatable band shells are available – for a price. Kim thought that the set-up for live music in front of the E. O. Smith atrium at the Festival on the Green was satisfactory and that this venue could be used if a better one could not be found.
5. **Summer band proposal.** David floated a proposal for an Intergenerational Summer Band, affording middle- and high-school instrumentalists, as well as older players, an opportunity to play during the summer, rehearsing “medium-easy music” for a public concert. Jay indicated that this could be done as a Parks and Recreation Department program, with a fee to participate; as such, the band could use school facilities without having to buy insurance, though it might have to pay a fee for evening use. The Committee agreed that a summer band program was a fine idea, worth developing. David volunteered Joe Tomanelli to help him do so.
6. **MCC exhibits.**
 - a. **Murray Wachman**’s exhibit is now up in the hallways and lower sitting room; it will run to January 14. **Reneé Raucci**’s paintings have been taken down; Jay hopes that she will show up soon to reclaim them.
 - b. Tom Bruhn was to ask **Suzy Staubach** to apply to exhibit ceramics in the fall quarter; Kim will e-mail him to find out what is going on.
 - c. Scott contacted **Jim Gabianelli**, who then looked at the display areas and indicated a preference for exhibiting his machine art in the hallways, but not during summer. The next available slot appears to be next fall.
 - d. Jay contacted **Lucille Eichner**, suggesting the Mansfield Library as a venue for displaying her doll collection.
 - e. Jay received an application from Norman Stevens to exhibit wooden bowls by and on behalf of **Kenneth Dubay**, who died earlier this year. The Committee enthusiastically endorsed the proposal; Scott will let Mr. Stevens know by e-mail that he may have the display cases for the winter quarter.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
01 Oct – 14 Oct		<i>Festival art</i>	<i>Murray Wachman</i> (acrylics)			
15 Oct – 14 Jan	<i>Suzy Staubach??</i> (ceramics)					
15 Jan – 14 Apr	<i>Kenneth Dubay</i> (wooden bowls)		<i>Jan Geoghegan</i> (encaustic & mixed media)			
15 Apr – 31 May	<i>Mansfield School Art?</i>					
01 Jun – 17 Aug						
27 Aug – 14 Oct						
15 Oct – 14 Jan					<i>Jim Gabianelli</i> (machine art)	

7. **Storrs Center.** The Committee has in the past lobbied the Downtown Partnership for an arts presence in the Storrs Center project, suggesting it consider a co-operative arts gallery, small work- & retail shops for artists, space

for street-performers, and public sculpture. At one time, the School of Fine Arts appeared to be interested in town-gown art gallery. It is not clear if any of these ideas have had any impact on the planning process. To them, Kim added the suggestion of a gallery in which small groups could perform and which could be rented for private parties, receptions, concerts, etc. It is probably time to make another pitch for art to the Downtown Partnership, preferably in the form of a proposal. The Committee agreed to discuss this at the November meeting, to which members are urged to come with ideas.

8. Adjourned at 8:16p. Next meeting: 7:00p, Tuesday, 01 November 2011.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 06 October 2011; approved 01 November 2011.